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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White
SUBJECT : Official Cover

4 December 53

1. Attached are numerous papers relating to the Official Cover problem. Specifically, Mr. Kirkpatrick had referred the file with [REDACTED] memorandum of 23 September 1953 asking for your advice. A memorandum has been prepared for your signature to the IG.

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2. I believe this problem is of sufficient importance for you to be aware of all the past events leading up to the irreconcilable positions of Security and DD/P. [REDACTED] memorandum, in my opinion, contributes a great deal to the clarification of the basic problem although his organizational answer would not seem to be in line with current thinking. I see a number of alternatives to approaching this problem:

a. Signing the proposed memorandum to the IG (or a modification of it) and await developments.

b. Develop a unified DD/A approach through discussion with Security, and others concerned.

c. Suggest to the IG that he have representatives of Security, DD/P and probably [REDACTED] sit down to prepare a proper paper to present the issue in as simplified fashion as possible in order that the DCI can resolve the basic policy conflict. Such a paper could well be prepared for the IG's signature and should present all the pros and cons and alternatives.

3. In view of the inescapable responsibility of the DD/A in this field due to the ramifications which involve the Security Office, Personnel Office, Office of the Comptroller, and probably other offices, I would recommend your adopting alternative c. It is believed that this approach would adequately get the view points of DD/A presented to the DCI.

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